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REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen and other Town Officers,

—OF—

ALSTEAD, N. H.

—INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st. 1878.

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

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REPORT

—OF THE—

OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF ALSTEAD,

For the year ending March 1st., 1878.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APR. 1, 1877.

Estate Personal & Real,	\$ 538 465 00
321 Polls	32 100 00
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	\$ 570 565 00
Less exempted,	6 025 00
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Taxable valuation,	\$ 564 540 00
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Rate of Taxation, \$ 140 per hundred.

AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW AND VOTE OF THE TOWN.

State tax,	\$ 1476 00
County tax,	1187 64
School tax,	1500 00
Ordinary town charges debt & interest,	3500 00
Percentage,	239 92
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	\$ 7903 56
Tax on Dogs,	63 00
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\$ 7966 56

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN CHARGES.

A. R. Emerson, services as Selectman,	\$ 118 00
H. D. Dickey, " "	96 00
Timothy Tufts, " Treasurer,	45 00
C. K. Vilas, " Moderator,	5 00
Lyman Chandler. town clerk,	25 00
James A. Brown, Selectman,	112 00
John Hopkins, sweeping & repairs town hall,	3 33
H. D. Dickey to D. S. Hamlin, reports 1877,	23 75
B. H. Fisher, driving hearse to Mar. 24th.,	6 00
" repairs of hearse,	65
F. J. Burge, abatement taxes,	4 20
Edward Larraby, damage breaking thro' bridge,	8 00
Sarah A. Prouty, abatement taxes,	16 80
Abigail Nash, " "	1 00
Gustave———(name unintelligible) ab't tax,	7 00
Geo. A. Mayo, service as school committee,	30 00
Stephen Darby, abatement taxes,	1 40
B. H. Fisher, Driving hearse,	12 75
Franklin Bolster, abatement taxes,	1 40
Lucy Williams, " "	3 50
Charles S. Ege rton, services school committee,	30 00
Aiken Gilmore, agent building hearse house,	4 00
D. F. Brown, abatement taxes,	7 00
P. P. Banks, services as liquor agent,	45 00
L. W. Dinsmoor, abatement taxes,	7 00
E. A. Huntley, cash paid for sta'y, inci d'nt'ls &c.	34 91
James A. Linsley, abatement taxes,	7 00
S. G. Shepard, " "	7 00
G. H. McCoy, damage insufficiency of highway	4 00
B. H. Fisher, cash pd. for straps for cemetery,	2 00
James S. Prouty, abatement taxes,	16 62
" services as collector.	90 00
Bolivar Lovell, for legal advice,	2 00
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	\$ 777 31

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES.

D. F. Brown, for breaking roads,	6 96
Daniel Pratt, " "	3 23

Geo. D. Clarke, bridge plank furnished in '76	1 50
Wm. Atwood, breaking roads,	2 00
E. P. Kidder, bridge plank,	12 75
David Knight, work on highway,	7 00
John Hopkins, "	52 60
Orison D. Peabody, "	21 00
Joseph P. Forristall, lumber for bridge & work,	23 71
Andrew Morrison, breaking roads,	5 00
David Knight. "	2 00
Stephen Slade, work on highway,	12 00
Thomas Garrity, "	11 69
John D. Holmes, bridge plank,	18 00
Geo. H. Temple, breaking roads,	4 50
Franklin B. Gates, work on highway,	13 94
" work non-resident highway tax,	75
Nathaniel Richardson, bridge plank,	4 76
Geo. V. R. Watts, cash for work on highway,	6 50
Edward Griffin, lumber furnished in 1876,	1 39
William Cady, work on highway,	1 20
Charles Washburn, breaking roads,	5 99
A. N. Hills, "	12 75
William Atwood, "	3 00
G. G. Banks, bridge plank,	12 16
H. W. Raymond, breaking roads,	6 92
John Hopkins, "	9 60
O. D. Peabody, "	21 52
J. Caldwell, "	11 40
Thomas Garrity "	15 70
Kendall Austin, "	3 00
Franklin B. Gates, "	13 05
Geo. V. R. Watts "	2 50
A. M. French, "	3 00
Geo. H. Temple, "	7 91
Harvey Washburn, "	2 50
William O. Kemp, "	3 02
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\$ 348 46	

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1 F. A. Bolster, Committee,	121 94
" 2 Thomas Garrity, "	140 36

Dist. No. 3	S. G. Rowell, Committee,	81	31
" 4	J. C Walker, "	359	13
" 5	John Hopkins, "	169	38
" 6	A. D. Beckwith, "	61	56
" 7	Franklin O. Cady, "	130	56
" 8	Jonas Caldwell, "	105	30
" 9	L. A. Barnes, "	61	32
" 10	Horace R. Knight, "	64	68
" 11	W. I. Taylor, "	90	18
" 12	F. R. H. Lyman, "	113	32
" 13	Harvey Washburn, "	96	06

\$ 1595 14

FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

E. P. Emerson and family.	\$ 81	53
Nellie Porter and family,	126	86
Mary Cobb,	57	28
Elmer Rawson,	61	00
Transient persons, \$ 63 00 S. D. Gee, 76 81	139	81
Michael Barrett,	11	25
Hattie R. Emerson,	15	50
Diantha Cady,	5	00
Clara Scott,	4	50

\$ 501 73

TOWN PAUPERS.

George A. Mayo, provisions furnished C. E. Wilson,	\$ 1	42
Dr. D. Campbell, consultation visit to Lizzie Wilson,	6	00
John Hopkins, digging grave for Lizzie Wilson	2	00
B. H. Fisher. coffin, robe, &c., "	14	50
G. G. Banks food furnished "	29	34
John D. Holmes meal for C. E. Wilson,	9	38
Dr. S. T. Smith medical attendance on Lizzie Wilson,	51	00
Rev. G. F. Chapin at'd'g funeral of L. Wilson,	3	00
C. K. Vilas medicine furnished "	10	33
E. A. Huntley goods furnished "	11	25
" " " C. E. Wilson,	30	30

\$ 168 52

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Thomas Dinsmore, district No. 3,	\$ 67 12
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DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Lyman Chandler,	\$ 6 00
G. G. Banks,	6 00
John N. Hodskins,	3 00

\$ 15 00

Nathaniel Richardson paid for damage in 1876,	3 00
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\$ 18 00

FOR LIQUORS.

P. P. Banks, agent, bill May 2, 1877,	\$ 205 88
“ “ Sept. 14, 1877,	28 10
“ Freight,	4 30

\$ 238 28

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES AND BONDS
AFTER MATURITY.

Sylvester Burroughs interest on note,	\$ 18 00
Charles Shepard interest on bonds,	12 00
Asa Locke “ “	18 54
E. A. Huntley cash paid on bonds,	33 65

\$ 82 39

BOUNTY ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

E. A. Huntley cash paid for bounty,	\$ 13 60
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RECAPITULATION.

Orders for ordinary town expenses,	\$ 777 31
highways and bridges,	348 46
support of schools,	1595 14
County Paupers,	501 73
Town Paupers,	168 52
repairs of school house,	67 12
damage by dogs,	18 00
liquors,	238 28

interest on notes, &c.,	82 39
bounty on foxes and hawks,	13 60

\$3810 55

RECEIPTS.

Cash reported in treasury March 1, 1877,	\$1309 18
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
Interest on Eunice Cheever's note,	12 00
Cash of County on Pauper claims,	487 55
Tax warrant delivered J. S. Prouty, collector,	7966 56
Savings Bank tax,	790 50
Literary fund,	109 65
Sale of liquors,	471 99
Non-resident highway tax,	15 50
Interest on taxes,	33 70
Orders to pay damage by dogs, (unpaid,)	15 00
Cash of P. P. Banks liquor agent for sale of casks,	4 40

\$11301 03

EXPENDITURES 1878.

Paid orders of last year unpaid March 1, 1877,	\$ 48 81
State tax,	1476 00
County tax,	1181 64
Orders issued since March 1 1877,	3795 55
Town bonds paid	2100 00
Coupons attached to bonds,	63 00
due January 1, 1877,	115 50
July 1, 1877.	555 00
January 1, 1878,	511 50
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1878,	1348 03

\$11301 03

INDEBTEDNESS.

Town notes,	\$ 803 86
bonds,	18250 00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1878,	182 50

Due school districts,	69 77
Orders to pay damage done by dogs,	15 00
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	\$19321 13

ASSETS.

Eunice Cheever's note,	\$ 100 00
Due f'm County on pauper claims,	187 42
George Wilder,	24 00
Liquors on hand,	137 42
Cash in treasury March 1, 1878	1348 03
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	\$1796 87

Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1878,	17524 26
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\$19321 13

Balance of indebtedness reported Mar. 1, '77,	19473 18
Coupons due January 1, '77 not reported,	115 50
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Balance of indebtedness Mar. 1, '77,	19588 68
“ “ “ '78,	17524 13
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Reduction of indebtedness past year,	\$2064 55
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March 4, 1878. The undersigned a board of Auditors chosen by the town of Alstead, to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts of the Selectmen properly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

AIKEN GILMAN,	} Auditors of accounts
CYRUS K. VILAS,	
JACKSON MARVIN,	
	for the
	Town of Alstead.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1878.

State tax,	\$1476 00
County tax, (estimated,)	1200 00
Schools,	1500 00

Ordinary Town charges,	\$ 3000 00
Repairing highways and bridges,	1500 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

E. A. HUNTLEY,	} Selectmen of Alstead.
GEO. A. MAYO,	
F. J. CHANDLER,	



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MAR. 1st., 1878.

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DISTRICT No. 1. SUMMER SCHOOL—Taught by MISS FLORP A. WILLARD, of Langdon, and was very successful. Miss WILLARD is a practical Teacher, and possesses a faculty of imparting and giving confidence to her Scholars, especially the beginner. The appearance of the School was orderly and industrious, and the closing examination was good. Parents and others were present.

WINTER SCHOOL—Teacher, MR. WESLEY C. FOSTER, of Walpole. This was his second or third School, and considering his short experience, it was very creditable to him. The Scholars in general made fair progress, and the Schools in most respects, was a success. The order was not quite up to the usual standard, not through any lack of faithfulness on his part, but more on account of non-experience. This School is one of the best in Town, and the District is an example of what co-operation and interest on the part of Parents will do toward making a successful School.

DISTRICT No. 2. SUMMER SCHOOL—Teacher, Miss ELLA DUNHAM, of Walpole. This was her first School. She seemed to give satisfaction to the parents, and as a result, the attendance was good, but she fell short of accomplishing any lasting and substantial benefits as regards knowledge and education. The Scholars in this District are very backward, and their general appearance indicates that they have cultured a habit of inattentiveness, which only a thorough Teacher can overcome.

The FALL SCHOOL was taught by Miss JUIETTE CHAPPELL, of Walpole. An effort was made to procure an experienced Teacher for this Term, and the securing of Miss CHAPPELL's services, who is a systematic and thorough instructor, was a wise action on the part of the Prudential Committee. After this judicious selection, which is one of the most important duties in this District, the result was, a lack of interest on the part of Parents and Scholars, and a large falling off in the attendance. Out of 13 weeks of schooling, the total number of days absence was 332 1-2, which is an average of about 4 weeks for each Scholar. There should be more unity of purpose, overlooking all personal consideration.

DISTRICT No. 3. SUMMER SCHOOL—Teacher, Miss LIZZIE ALDEN. This is a small School, but capable of favorable results, under the increased comforts of its School house. The School in the main was successful. Fair progress made in the different branches, but more thoroughness would have been desired in some instances.

WINTER SCHOOL—Taught by Mr. HERMON O. WEBSTER. This was his first School. All the seats were occupied through the increased attendance of Scholars. Circumstances being favorable for Mr. WEBSTER, he improved them, accomplishing fair progress in most of the branches, the interest being kept up to the close. The final examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4. GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT—The SUMMER and FALL SCHOOLS were taught by Miss MARY

E. ANDERSON, of Acworth. Miss Anderson is a teacher of some experience and was successful in her endeavor to make the Summer term profitable. The Fall term was not an entire success, owing partly to various outside influences, which seemed to neutralize her efforts for a good School. If there had been that home influence, and co-operation on the part of parents, which was manifested the previous term, an entire success would have been assured.

WINTER SCHOOL TEACHER—MISS IDA M. LUFKIN, of Unity. At the commencement of this term, two or three weeks were wasted upon the question, whether it was reasonable to require the whole time of a scholar while at school, thereby preventing disorder,—or allowing the choice of studies and employment of time to be optional with them; the summary was, the dismissal of four of the scholars, who were maliciously inclined to persist in their action against their own interests and that of the school. Subsequent to these proceedings, good progress was made to the finish of the term; the closing exercises being creditable alike to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 4.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Summer and Fall Schools were taught by Miss NELLIE M. FISKE. The attendance was good, and the usual interest and success, was the result as in previous terms when under her guidance. The moral influence exerted by Miss Fiske upon such a school of young scholars can not be overlooked and should in a great measure outweigh all objections to her as a teacher. Not being notified as to the length of the school, it was visited but once, but was successful, no doubt, as its predecessors.

WINTER SCHOOL—Teacher—MISS CLARA M. PERKINS, of Unity. Miss Perkins is a thoroughly experienced teacher, and by strict adherence to her duty, achieved a success which seemed almost impossible at the outset, on account of the adverse feeling among some of the parents, who felt injured by the course previously taken by the Prudential Committee. The attendance was smaller, two or three absentees being noticeable. Education and its advantages should not be held subordinate to personal animosities.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Teacher—SUMMER SCHOOL—MISS JENNIE M. MERRIAM. Miss Merriam is an experienced teacher and won the respect of all. The school was orderly and studious, and those who were enabled to attend, made good advancement. Owing to the prevalence of sickness among the scholars, the attendance was irregular and small, limiting her labors.

WINTER SCHOOL, was taught by MISS JENNIE F. BALL, of Walpole. Her first school. At the time of my first visit every thing appeared favorable, but the last half of the term proved to be a failure. The order was bad, and the general reviews at the closing examination, were poorly remembered, showing a want of thoroughness. It should be the aim in this district to procure the best of teachers.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Teacher—MRS. AMELIA C. BECKWITH. This is a small school, and its only term in the summer was very commendable and successful, under the experienced labors of Mrs. Beckwith. The introduction of Natural History as a study, proved interesting and entertaining to the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 7.—ALICE G. HOWARD taught the Summer Term. Fair progress was made in the studies pursued, with better order more would have been accomplished.

The WINTER TERM taught by MISS ETTA A. HOWE, of Marlow, gave general satisfaction. A commendable degree of progress was made, and good order prevailed. The parents and citizens of this District deserve much credit for their interest in the School.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Both Terms were taught by MISS EFFIE M. TAYLOR. The average attendance for the Winter Term fell one-third below the whole number attending. Had the earnest efforts of the Teacher to secure punctuality been properly seconded, this School would have proved highly satisfactory. MISS TAYLOR is a faithful Teacher.

DISTRICT No. 9.—There was only a Fall Term, taught by MISS ABBIE M. KIDDER, who did well under unfavorable circumstances. There are grave obstacles

to the success of a School in this District, which a more amicable relation between persons would partially remove; facts relating thereto, are too well known to require further comment.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Miss ELLA J. CROSS, of Gilsom, had charge of the Summer School, which was conducted to the satisfaction of the District. Considerable progress was made. This is an easily governed School. No Winter Term.

DISTRICT No. 11.—The Summer and Winter Terms were under good discipline, and productive of excellent results. Miss ORRE A. ISHAM, of Marlow, Teacher.

DISTRICT No. 12. Both terms were taught by Miss ETTA A. NEWELL. Although not an easy school to govern Miss Newell by her rare qualifications for the teacher's work was enabled to make it a very successful school.

DISTRICT No. 13. In the Summer and Winter terms of this school we find much to commend. Scholars quiet, obedient and studious, a district united in support of the school and a faithful efficient teacher, Miss VIOLA M. WHITMAN, of So. Acworth.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The efficiency of our common schools should be greatly increased.

By the proper direction of effort they may well accomplish a far greater work; and to the consumation of this object it is our duty as citizens to aid to the full extent of our powers.

Faithfully study the subject, and it will be a matter of surprise, not that the school accomplishes so little, but in the face of so many obstacles that it accomplishes so much.

Great care should be taken in the selection of prudential committees, let them be men strictly faithful to their trust, that the affairs of the district may be guarded with unfailing vigilance.

Earnest effort should be made to obtain successful and carefully trained teachers; those who have skill, energy, judgment, and moral courage; and we have a strength-

ening connection that a still more severe test should be applied, as to their general attainments, their power to direct and capacity to govern.

With the best of teachers partial failure is certain without the full co-operation of parents.

It is not unknown in experience that parents will sometimes put themselves in direct opposition to the interests of the school, and in this become aggressive and defiant. We are too much inclined to excuse such conduct since it tends to waste money, squander time, cause contentions and corrupt society.

Your Committee would earnestly suggest that District No. 4 adopt, at their annual School Meeting, the provisions of an act passed by the Legislature at the June Session, 1877, enabling School Districts, having fifty School children, to elect a board of Education. In doing this, we believe that the benefits to be derived from your Schools, will not only be enlarged, but there will be more uniformity of system, gradually and surely improving thereby, that which has proved defective in the past.

Most of our larger villages in the State, possessing well directed and prosperous Schools, either manage their Schools by special legislation, or have voluntarily adopted some form. How long are the citizens of District No. 4 going to tolerate an inefficient and unwise system, when the opportunity is now presented to them, to take a step onward in the scale of civilization and progress?

Much may be done to elevate and render our Schools more useful, and give character and interest to them. A good house is very important. Some of our School houses are decidedly poor. They need to be re-built or re-modeled, and improved within and without. All things that have a tendency to cultivate the character, are proper objects and subjects for instruction in the School room. All opinions publicly expressed before Scholars, which tend to destroy the influence of Teacher or Officer, should be regarded as destructive of good results.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. MAYO,	} <i>School</i>
CHARLES S. EGERTON,	
	} <i>Committee.</i>

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUMMER TERM.

DISTRICTS.

	1	2	3	4*	4F	4†	4F	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13
Length of School in weeks,	7	10	6	8	5	8	5	8	11	8	9	15	8	8	7
Whole number of scholars,	14	18	8	33	31	21	23	24	4	17	6	5	9	11	12
Average attendance,	12	15	7	30	29	20	20	19	3	15	4	4	8	10	10
Number of tardy marks,	10	176	11	5	14	26	16	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Number not absent one-half day,	6	0	2	22	9	9	8	1	2	10	0	0	1	4	4
Whole number of visits,	18	16	9	50	4	40	6	22	6	21	14	53	13	18	35
Visits by S. S. Committee,	2	3	2	2	1	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Visits by prudential committee,	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1
Wages for tea., per m. including board,	\$20	\$20	\$16	\$32	\$24	\$31	\$30	\$28	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$18

WINTER TERM.

Length of school in Weeks,	12	13	8	9	9	11	15	14	12	9	10	10
Whole number of scholars,	16	19	12	27	26	26	19	9	1	9	17	11
Average attendance,	13	13	11	23	20	23	18	6	1	8	16	10
Number of tardy marks,	18	83	79	20	94	16	3	0	6	3	5	2
Number not absent one-half day,	1	1	3	8	2	5	5	0	0	4	6	6
Whole number of visits,	21	13	11	15	30	48	34	19	9	19	25	17
Visits by S. S. Committee,	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Visits by Prudential Committee,	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wages for tea., per m., including board,	\$28	\$26	\$20	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$23	\$18	\$16	\$20	\$25	\$20

* Primary Department.

† Grammar Department.

F Fall Term.

James A. Hunt,
HEADQUARTERS

—FOR—

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CHARLESTOWN, - N. H.

New Goods,

New Styles !

—AND—

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Goods Advancing!

Times getting better !

But in order to increase business and let the people know that I can beat all competition as to prices and quality, I shall sell my goods at lower prices than ever. Why so, you ask? I answer, because I gave my order for Spring Goods in advance of the season, on CASH TERMS, and on Cash Terms with the purchaser, if I cant back up this statement, who can !

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

JAMES A. HUNT.